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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BARANOVA ET AL.)
SERIAL NO.: 09/076,956) EXAMINER: L. CRANE
FILED: MAY 13, 1998) ART UNIT: 1623
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF) CONF. NO.: 5479
NUCLEIC ACIDS ON A SOLID)
SUPPORT AND COMPOUNDS WHICH)
ARE USEFUL IN PARTICULAR AS)
SOLID SUPPORTS IN SAID PROCESS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of January 2, 2002,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS ✓

Please cancel claims 104-107 without prejudice as to the subject matter contained
therein. Please add the following claims:

~~110. (New) A compound selected from the group consisting of:~~

37 CFR 1.8

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